

## EXHIBIT 3: Letters of Support

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March 12, 2004

Mr. Paul Morabito  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, CA 94612

### Re: City of Brisbane Grant Application


Dear Mr. Morabito:

I write to convey my enthusiastic support of the City of Brisbane's grant application for purchase of approximately two acres of endangered species habitat on San Bruno Mountain.

This land acquisition will enhance the open space and habitat value of the adjacent twenty-one acres previously purchased by the city on San Bruno Mountain, an important scenic and environmental resource for all Californians. The adjacency of the proposed parcels to city owned open space and San Bruno Mountain State and County Park greatly increases conservation efforts and recreational opportunities for innumerable Bay Area residents.

I urge your most affirmative review of this worthy application.

Sincerely,

  
Gene Mullin  
ASSEMBLYMEMBER, 19<sup>th</sup> District

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# California Native Plant Society

Yerba Buena Chapter  
338 Ortega Street, San Francisco, California 94122

11 March 2004

Maxene Spellman  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Acquisition of two parcels in Brisbane Acres

Dear Ms. Spellman:

For approximately the past ten years the California Native Plant Society has been advocating acquisition of important habitat lands on San Bruno Mountain adjacent to the city of Brisbane called the Brisbane Acres. We learned that there is a proposal to acquire lots 43 and 65 to be partially funded by the California Coastal Conservancy. We heartily endorse this proposal and hope it is effected.

The biological communities on the mountain have been seriously impacted by development and by invasive non-native plants, to the extent that the mountain's ecosystem is entering a period of crisis. The larger the areal extent of natural communities the more-nearly sustainable they become. The area encompassed by the Acres is especially rich in plant species, including species which are either rare or uncommon elsewhere on the mountain. Most of the area is also in a fairly healthy state—a relative term, as non-native plants are ubiquitous today—notwithstanding some areas adjacent to developed areas which contain sizable patches of aggressive invaders. Both parcels contain important habitat for species of concern in the San Bruno Mountain Habitat Conservation Plan. Lot 43 is prime callippe habitat, and this species' critical larval plant, *Viola pedunculata*, is on the decline on the mountain—to a worrisome degree French broom is beginning to invade, and city ownership will enable the City to provide for vegetation management there. Under private ownership invasive species will not be managed on these parcels.

Sincerely,

  
Jacob Sigg, Chair  
Conservation Committee

cc: Fred Smith  
City Hall  
Brisbane

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Friends of San Bruno Mountain  
228 Alta Vista Way  
Daly City, CA 94014

**14 March 2004**

Maxene Spellman  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Ms. Spellman,

We strongly endorse the efforts of the City of Brisbane to maximize as much open space as possible by procuring parcels in the Brisbane Acres. This noble act guarantees that many acres of critical butterfly habitat remain undeveloped.

We wish to thank you for your continuing efforts by your generous financial support to San Bruno Mountain Watch to aid their work for the mountain's ecological health. Your grant to the City of Brisbane for \$61,500 also affirms your resolve and kindness.

We thank the Conservancy for your continued support for San Bruno Mountain.

Sincerely,



Douglas Allshouse  
President

cc: Fred Smith

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San Bruno Mountain Watch  
PO Box 53  
Brisbane, CA 94005  
8 March 2004

Maxene Spellman  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Ms. Spellman,

The Brisbane Acres include the best unprotected rare species habitat left on San Bruno Mountain. With the patchwork of different ownerships, issues of preservation and development there have been especially difficult to resolve. The City of Brisbane has worked very hard, with Coastal Conservancy assistance, to resolve the uneasy status of this precious land by purchasing many parcels and by creating a management plan to properly care for them. We applaud the City's efforts and appreciate the Conservancy's past involvement.

We hope the Conservancy will enable the City to realize a current opportunity to preserve two more lots in the Acres by granting it the needed funding -- \$61,500, or 50% of the acquisition cost. This would secure irreplaceable habitat and contribute to the special character of the Brisbane community.

We thank the Conservancy for considering this grant.

Regards,



Philip Batchelder  
Program Director

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